II

ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE BUCKINGHAM CANAL TEMPORARILY FOR TRAFFIC.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" With regard to the adjournment [a] motion given notice of by Mr. Satyamurti, I wish to know, before I give my consent, when the notification regarding the closing of the Buckingham canal from Adyar to Covelong was published.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" As far as my information goes, it was after the last meeting of the Council."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I want to know the date."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I cannot say the exact date."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The notification was published in December, 8th December 1928."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" May I ask the hon. Member why he did not table any resolution on the subject, what the urgency is for making the motion to-day, and why no action was taken since the commencement of this meeting."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" There was no possibility of any resolution being ballotted in time for the meeting."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand the hon. Member to say that if a motion had been tabled there was no chance of its being ballotted and reached. May I know the reason why the adjournment motion was not moved for the last three days ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" There were other motions."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I expect greater alertness. I disallow the motion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what the reasons are ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I cannot give my consent to the motion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" It will be a great hardship to the people of Madras."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member has no right to reflect on the ruling of the Chair."

III

COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF KISTNA, GODAVARI EAST AND GODAVARI WEST DISTRICTS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following hon. Members have been nominated as candidates for election to the Committee to enquire into the economic condition of the districts of Kistna, Godavari West and Godavari East :—

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.

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[a] I beg to move for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the proposal to close the Buckingham canal from the 1st of February for six months for boat traffic from Adyar to Covelong.

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Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
Diwan Bahadur B. Ramachandra Reddi.
Mr. J. Bheemayya.
„ D. Narayana Raju.
„ K. V. R. Swami.
„ B. Venkataratnam.
„ S. Venkayya.

" As the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, an election will take place by means of the single transferable vote under Regulation 11 (5) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote. I fix 3 to 5 p.m. as the time for the holding of the elections. The counting of votes will commence at 5 p.m. to-day."

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" According to the arrangement come I do not want to contest." 12 noon.

Mr. J. BHIMAYYA :—" I withdraw."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" There is no Diwan Bahadur Ramachandra Reddi here, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a slip ; it is so typed here. Election to the presidentship of a district board is the forerunner of a Diwan Bahadurship."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if this House is likely to sit beyond to-day ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It all depends upon the official work that remains unfinished."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" We would like to know, Sir."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" After finishing the two items of official business that appear on the agenda we must know whether to sit to-morrow or not."

IV

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY ACT, 1923.

The House then resumed discussion of the motion of the hon. the Chief Minister that the Madras University Amending Bill be passed into law.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I do not want to take much more of the time of this House. I merely desire to make a reference to only one point. The hon. the Minister for Education is highly mistaken if he thinks that by rushing through this piece of legislation at this stage he would be adding to the glory of his legislative achievement. It is always much more useful that the Minister came before the House with definitely settled views than with Bills that have had to be dealt with amendments of a very numerous character at the latest stage. This Bill having undergone such a modification as to necessitate almost a re-drafting after the second reading stage, I feel, Sir, that it is not right that we should pass this piece of legislation at this moment. I therefore feel no hesitation in opposing the motion for this Bill being passed into law."